

Murray History Advisory Board
Minutes for June 27, 2017

Attendance: Mildred Horton, Syanna Madsen, Sara Roach, Wendy DeMann, Wendy Parsons Baker
Staff: Mary Ann Kirk, Jennifer Broschinsky, Lori Edmunds
Excused: Rebecca Santa Cruz

1. Minutes for May 23, 2017 were approved. If we don't have any business, we will cancel next month's meeting. A new board member is in the appointment process. We also need to find a replacement for Wendy Broschinsky who is finishing her last term in August.
2. Upcoming calendar will feature the pioneer home tour on July 22 at 10 am at Amundsen home and 11 am at Wheeler Farmhouse. Sara will help with tours at Wheeler Farm. Wendy was not available to help with the Amundsen home tour.
3. Tim Tingey will oversee the RFP for the Murray Theater. Mary Ann will be involved to make sure we follow the CLG grant requirements. Wendy P asked what we are doing with the theater. Mary Ann explained the city purchased it and is currently using it for in-house theater rehearsals and some board meetings. The grant will cover a feasibility study and schematic design to acquire projected costs to rehab the building for public use. We will then be able to request funding from private and public sources.
4. A demo request for 4775 South State was reviewed. This building shares a common wall with an adjacent historic building. The planning department has required the owners to engineer an approved plan that preserves the wall. Syanna wondered if there are any architectural features that could be knocked off. She also expressed concern that an "accident" could occur during demolition. Mary Ann will follow up to make sure the planning and permitting office is following this closely. Wendy asked why it is being demolished. Mary Ann said it is for additional parking.

Mary Ann said we have an ILS of this building so it is documented well. The city ordinance related to our historic register does not give protection for the buildings so the board can't say no to proposed demolition even though it is for parking. Board members did not have any further requests for documentation. Mary Ann will email the permitting office to assure demolition is contingent on an approved engineering plan that protects the adjacent historic structure.

5. City Hall display cases currently include an art show and MHS alumni artifacts. We need to take down the high school displays. Mary Ann asked what the board would like to display for the next year. We could feature families, recent donations, or specific themes. Jennifer said the district donated a bunch of historic books that have interesting things inside with curriculum and test questions. Another idea could be destroyed buildings since we have artifacts from some of them. A suggestion was made to have a now and then picture of a historic building and what is there now. Board members liked the idea of "then and now" to help educate the public about what we are losing. Jennifer will start looking for objects. Mary Ann said we have quite a few objects from demolished buildings. Lori suggested we make nice posters with pictures.
6. Mary Ann noted that a local group has been organized to educate the public about historic preservation and raise money for rehab projects. They are focused on preserving the Murray 1st Ward. They have requested an appeal to the city decision to allow demolition. They did

not think city officials took the history board memo with recommendations seriously. Some board members were interested in attending the hearing so they can be informed but they didn't want to take a formal stand on the appeal until they understood what it was based on. Mary Ann will find out the date and time for the meeting and let board members know. Wendy voiced concern that the city's rationale to revitalize the downtown with this development is not valid. She did not think patrons in an assisted living center will really bring business to the downtown area. Syanna was not even sure a senior living center would meet the vision of the downtown. She said an assisted living center for seniors is very different than a rehab center that is focused on younger residents. Wendy B felt this development could be built in other locations. Mary Ann noted that these comments address the main question the board included in the memo. Board members continue to question if this development truly meets the vision of the MCCD. Syanna feels that these questions are not being answered. Syanna expressed concern that the process was hurried with pressure at the beginning for decisions when the plans were not finalized and a highly likelihood that they would change. She does not trust the developers. She felt the board should have been more involved with the ongoing process as the proposed plans evolved over time. Mildred would have liked more info from Tim about the city's vision. Mary Ann noted that Tim did come and present the initial vision but Syanna did not feel like the city has connected that vision to this development.

7. Museum Day will not be implemented this year since we don't have any new exhibits that will draw people in. But next year we can do something if we have a new museum location. We will focus on Halloween videos created by high school students and our historic smelter and fire department videos. We can also include a Matt Madsen art show. He was a well-known local artist. We will need to limit tickets so we keep attendance under 100 at any given time.